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FOR: USE OF DHEA OR PRECURSORS :  
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THEREOF AS A DEPIGMENTING  
AGENT

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 10 of this paper.